

IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

The past week has been along the lines of prosperity that have marked business in the Territory for a year or more. Merchants are getting in their stocks for the holiday trade which is always a harvest time here. Prosperity is reflected in every hour of the day. The last of the largest crop of sugar the islands ever raised has been marketed under most favorable prices. The products from pineapples have been marketed under fairly good prices with the demand far in excess of the supply. The not over extensive crop of tobacco has been sold at a top-notch figure, and all other trade commodities, raised here have met with ready disposal and preparations are being made for the handling of much larger crops next year.

Dull and quiet, with a slight stronger market on Friday characterized the local stock transactions for the week. The majority of sales were among the lower priced stocks, and between boards the trading feature following are the daily sales for the week:

SALES—Between Boards: 22-40 McHyde 6a, \$100; 25 Ewa, \$31.25; 25 Ewa, \$31.25; \$1000 Irie, 6a, \$102.50; 25 Hwey, \$21.

Session Sales: 10 Hilo, \$15; 50 Waiaina, \$11; 50 Waiaina, \$11; 10 Ewa, \$31.25; 25 H. C. & S. Co., \$1.75; 20 Pahang, \$21.50.

SALES—Between Boards: 50 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 15 Keliha, \$25; 50 Waiaina, \$11; 50 Waiaina, \$11; 50 Onomea, \$15.50; \$1000 Hilo, 1901 6a, \$100; \$1000 McHyde 6a, \$100; 20 Taitong Olok 19, \$11.75.

Session Sales: 10 Ewa, \$31.25; **SALES—Between Boards:** 200 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 100 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 50 Ewa, \$31.25; 80 McHyde, \$6.50; 2000 McHyde 6a, \$100; 85 Oahu, \$5.50; 40 Waiaina, \$11.

Session Sales: 35 McHyde, \$6.75; 10 McHyde, \$6.75.

SALES—Between Boards: 75 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 50 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 10 H. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 100 Ewa, \$31.25; 5 Waiaina, \$11; 40 Waiaina, \$11; 35 Waiaina, \$11; 50 Oahu, \$31.75; 70 Onomea, \$15.50; \$1000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100; 25 Oahu, \$10; 25 Oahu, \$10; 10 Oahu, \$31.75.

Session Sales: \$5000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100; 100 Ewa, \$31.50; 10 Oahu, \$32; 5 Oahu, \$32; 10 Oahu, \$32; 5 Oahu, \$32.

SALES—Between Boards: 10 O. R. & L. Co., \$114; \$10,000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100; 25 Hilo, B. & M. Co., \$21; 100 Oahu, \$6; 100 McHyde, \$6.875; 50 Oahu, \$32; 20 Oahu, \$6.

Session Sales: \$1000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100; \$1000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100; \$1000 Hilo 1901 6a, \$100.

Missionary Conclave.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement, which has been in session in the Y. M. C. A. building for two days of the week, reports a very successful conclave and that there has been a big advance made in the work in which the Mission is engaged.

There were many delegates present from all of the churches and the session was otherwise helped by the attendance of Bishop Bell of Los Angeles.

Continued efforts of assistance to the missions now in the field were made by the various denominations.

Building Operations.

There seems to be no let up to the building operations that have characterized the past six months in this city, and this month is slated to be the banner month if the present rate is maintained. The majority of the work in the line of construction for this month has been dwelling houses in the suburbs of the city. Plans for the future bring out the fact that there will be a steady growth of the city assured for a good many months to come.

There is little concrete work going on at present outside of the new library building and the new laboratory at the experiment station at Makiki. Building permits for October include the George Reck residence for Nimitz avenue at a cost of \$8,000, the Alexander Young basement cafeteria to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000 and also the Mason residence of Mrs. J. M. M., estimated to cost \$6,175.

Library Cornerstone.
Last Saturday the corner stone of the Carnegie Library was laid with impressive ceremonies by the Masonic orders of the city. There was a large crowd present and the occasion was honored by the presence of David Starr Jordan, of the Stanford University, who was en his way back home from a tour of Japan in the interests of universal peace.

For Sanitation.
A decided move has been made in the matter of the filling up of the low lands in the Kewala district. The surveyors, who have been there at work for some time, have finished and now the actual work of filling will be started. It is estimated that it will take over 400,000 cubic yards of earth to fill in the low lands in the district. Owners of this land will be asked to do the filling in at their own expense. If they do not do so the Territory will do the work for them and assess the cost against the land so filled.

Guarding the Port.

The expected has come to pass. A fever ship has arrived from the West coast of South America, and during the first days of the week was anchored off the harbor, the local authorities not allowing her to come inside as there was a full-fledged case of yellow fever on board.

Every precaution and safe guard was brought into play to guard against the disease getting to shore. The vessel was given water and coal which was taken out in barges which were afterwards fumigated.

Through the orders of Dr. Carl Rasmus no one from the fever ship has been allowed ashore.

The Island Investment Company is busy with the erection of a hydro-electric plant on Maui that is being installed for the purpose of supplying the towns of Wailuku and Kahului with light and current for power purposes. The motive power of the plant will be steam and oil will be the fuel used.

Mr. Thomas Harrington, who arrived by the Manchuria comes here for the purpose of relieving British Consul R. G. E. Forster, who has been granted a year's absence and will spend it traveling in Europe. A salute of six guns greeted Mr. Harrington when he called on Admiral Cowles Monday morning.

Engineers Looking Up Work.
By the arrival of the Sierra last Friday, two civil engineers came to the islands for the purpose of looking over the ground as to a number of big government contracts that are to be let out in the near future. These men represent two different firms, one located in San Francisco and the other in New York. These firms do all kinds of contracting and their representatives are to remain here for some time to familiarize themselves with conditions locally.

There is no doubt that there will be other contracting firms in the field bidding for some of the big jobs that are to materialize in connection with the great work at Pearl Harbor.

Mining Engineers Enroute.
A large party of engineers, members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers arrived in the Manehula the first of the week and as they could only have one day here the party had a program all fixed up for the day and did not lose any time in getting it started as soon as the vessel was alongside of the dock.

A visit to Pearl Harbor was one of the objective points and the work there was thoroughly inspected. The Aquarium was paid a visit and other points in the vicinity of the city were visited.

The party of engineers are not going beyond Japan and they expect to start on the return trip home so as to arrive here on the last day of November. The local order of engineers will entertain them on their return trip while in the city.

Wharves.
At the opening of the bids for the construction of the wharf at Hanalei, Kauai, it was found that the bids were all way and above the appropriation for the work. The bids have been referred to the committee of the whole and are to be taken up on the return of Commissioner McStocker.

The proposed wharf at Kihel is another piece of work that will have to wait until the middle of next year. In the first place there will have to be a settlement of the affairs of the Baldwin Estate before any work on this proposition can be done. When this estate has been settled the piece of land that is wanted for wharf purposes will be decided to the Territory for about \$10.

That Governor Frear will soon visit Washington is a fact and so admitted by the executive himself. The Governor says that he may make the trip to the States for the purpose of bringing his family back to Hawaii. Whether there will be anything said in regard to the Kihel charges while the Governor is in Washington is not known.

All Must Pay Taxes.

Treasurer Conkling has relieved the minds of the taxpayers by the statement that there will be no increasing of the taxes. He does state that there will be a general looking up of owners of property and they will be called on to pay their taxes. According to the Treasurer it is the intention of the Territory to set a surveyor at work and see what he can find out, and if there is any land that has not been paying taxes it will be brought up with a turn and if there is property that is being under valued it will also be adjusted.

Last of the Crop.

The big freighter Nebraska is expected to sail from Hilo today, and destined for Salina Cruz. If the vessel gets away according to schedule the last of the 1911 sugar crop will be on its way to market where it will probably bring a price around the top notch.

The local sugar factors have been advised that shipment by the Columbian had reached the market at 5.96. The 8000 tons that is following closely in the Alaskan was expected to go in under the same quotation but the drop on Thursday to 5.75 will probably be the best that can be done with this latter cargo.

The estimate for the year's crop is now placed at 565,000 tons.

Why Is Sugar.

The reasons given for the high price of sugar are as varied and many as the answer to "Why Jones Left Home." Eastern retailers and country cross-roads grocery keepers frequently attempt to enlighten the world on the high price of sugar. One retailer in the States sums up the situation as follows:

"The present high price of sugar is due solely to natural and unavoidable conditions and not to manipulation or stock gambling operations. The best sugar crop of Austria and Germany has been a failure and the same must be said of the cane product in Cuba. A weak yield last year brought about the consumption of spot sugar, leaving the consumer entirely dependent upon the 1911 output, which was yet to come. The ensuing failure of this crop, both in Europe and in Cuba, combined with the depletion of the old stock, have resulted in the present situation. Sugar is today higher than it has been for twenty-two years, but as heretofore stated, the market is absolutely natural."

Expected Immigrants.

It is stated that every precaution has been taken to guard the health of the eighteen hundred and more immi-

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grants that are on their way to Hawaii in the Willelson which left Gibraltar on the 7th of this month. Besides the regular physician who has been engaged for the trip there are two trained nurses on board who are giving every attention to the women and children on the trip.

It is desired that the Willelson avoid all such plights as attended the visit of the Oretic.

Real Estate.

The week has been noted for the real estate deals that have been put through, the majority being small building lots in the suburbs. It is fully expected that there will be a steady demand from now on for home-site property as there is no questioning the fact that there are many new families in town. The Kaimuki Land Company has made a number of sales during the week and every purchaser has a desire to start in on the erection of a home as soon as possible. There seems to be little purchasing of real estate for speculative purposes.

It is stated that there is a large tract of land near Puhukua that is being negotiated for by a mainland who if the purchase is made, will put the land under pineapples.

Crops of Country.

That the bugbear of hard times prophesied in connection with recent reports of general crop failures is thoroughly unfounded is proved by the annual crop report issued by Lord & Thomas for 1911.

President C. R. Erwin, in discussing his sources of information which led to the above statement mentioned that he had deduced optimistic conclusions from data gathered for him by the agricultural press all over the country.

"Farm papers," said Mr. Erwin, "particularly those with restricted or localized circulation, are in the best position to give net facts as regards production and conditions. Practically all the papers furnishing Lord & Thomas with crop information received their reports, not from a mere personal inspection of conditions generally, but from their subscribers as to the actual production of each township and many individual farms."

While it is true that, speaking nationally, there will be a shortage in grain products, on the other hand prices for these products show a much higher percentage over last year than the product does a loss.

Howard N. Whitney, Managing Editor of the Register & Farmer, of Des Moines, in giving details of Iowa conditions, states that the total value of the field crop in Iowa in 1911 is \$305,331,066, as against \$243,116,636 in 1910.

The corn crop this year in Iowa is less than last year, averaging about 250,000,000 bushels, as against 255,600,000 bushels last year. Notwithstanding the corn crop of 1910 exceeded this year's crop by more than 100,000,000 bushels, the price at this time is 55c per bushel, as against 37c to 38c last year. This fixes the value of the 1911 corn crop at \$137,500,000, while that of last year was \$127,622,340.

The oat crop this year amounted to 116,512,500 bushels, as compared to 168,228,970 bushels in 1910. The acreage this year was 4,660,500 acres, and the average yield was 25 bushels. The value of this year's crop at present prices is \$43,109,625, as against \$45,421,822 last year.

The winter wheat crop for 1911 amounted to 4,015,240 bushels, as against 4,125,820 bushels last year. The acreage was 200,762 and the yield 20 bushels. The yield is now worth \$3,212,192, as against \$3,548,205 in 1910.

Timothy seed this year commands an unusual price, many farmers having sold their crop for over \$5.00 per bushel. The yield of timothy seed this year is 10,418,580 bushels and is, therefore, worth \$52,092,900. The official estimate of the value of last year's timothy crop is \$100,000,000.

The fruit crop this year is enormous, being valued at \$25,000,000. Last year's crop was a failure and was worth \$3,000,000.

FREE TREES—ARBOR DAY.

Following the custom of former years, Superintendent of Forestry Ralph S. Hosmer, announces that free trees will be given out at the Government Nursery on South King street, on Arbor Day, Friday, November 10, 1911.

Each applicant may select twenty-four trees from among the following fifteen species: Eucalyptus, Blue Gum, Swamp Mahogany, Lemon-scented Gum, Ironwood, Silk Oak, Sugi (Japanese Cedar), Royal Poinciana, Golden, Pink, Pink and White Showers, Jacaranda, Yellow Poinciana, Peppertree, Mahogany (Swietenia), Monterey Cypress; provided that no one person may have more than six plants of any one flowering tree. The Government Nursery does not carry in stock fruit trees of any kind, nor ornamental shrubs.

Applications should be filed with Mr. David Haughts at the Government Nursery, P. O. Box 207. Telephone 2569.

The trees will be ready to give out on Arbor Day, November 10, when they must be called for. Applicants are expected to bring boxes or other containers in which to take away the plants.

As the number of some of the kinds is limited, those desiring trees will do well to put in their applications at once.

There has been a decrease in smuggling this year, according to Acting Secretary of the Treasury Curtis, owing to rigid enforcement of laws and enactments of jail sentences.

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